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1. Don't buy a paper—borrow your classmate's—be a sponger.
2. Look up the ads. and trade with the fellow who doesn't advertise—be a chump.
3. Never hand in articles, and be sure to criticize everything in the paper—be a knocker.
4. If you are a member of the staff, don't attend to business—be a skirker.
5. Tell you neighbor he can get more news for less money—be a squeeze.
6. If you can't hustle and make the paper a success—be a corpse.—Exchange.

All the year the different teachers have been greatly troubled with the editors of the Ensign. Having no regular staff room, we were compelled to run around from one room to another with our material. If all the teachers happened to have business to transact in their rooms we were outcasts, and had to do as we could. Prof. Cassels has generously donated to us the teachers' rest room which we shall use for a staff room. We are sure that all the high school teachers will join us in extending to him our thanks, for they will no longer be troubled with us in their rooms.

There has been a difference of opinions as to the cause of Charles Carnahan's absence from school. It has been suggested that he was at home recuperating, or perhaps he was practicing on his piccolo, or possibly he is studying. But the most reliable information was obtained from a suggestion made by Miriam Connor, something as follows: "Possibly he is at home working on his boat since he said that he would have it in running shape by next Friday night."

One of the most interesting programs ever given by the literary society of the O. H. S., was given on February 4th. The subject was Lamer and every number, indeed, did justice to him, one of the south's truest poets. This program was the first one held this year and has set a lively pace for the other programs to come up to—if possible.

We hope that the students will do as Mr. Hardin said: "Make the best of every opportunity." Time will soon be here for the term of 1917-18 to close. Let no one live in remorse in the future because of having thrown away this year's time.

CURRENT HISTORY

According to reports from Amsterdam, the German soldiers in Flanders are greatly discontented with the course taken by the officials against strike leaders. In a few cases Belgian laborers, forced by the Germans to work, have been incited by the German soldiers to go on a strike.

On the night of February 3rd, a bomb was thrown by some strikers at the imperial palace in Berlin. Twenty-five arrests have been made.

More than 125,000 Chinese are helping the cause of the Allies in France and Mesopotamia, doing necessary, if not military, work.

Waldek Zhyzsko has won the heavyweight wrestling championship of the world. Zhyzsko is an assumed name, chosen on account of his real name of Czganiewicz, being bad to pronounce.—Pathfinder.

Twenty-five per cent of the men examined for the draft were found to be physically disqualified, against thirty-two per cent in our civil war. The proportion of disqualifications was almost exactly the same in urban as in rural communities.

A bill has been passed in Congress authorizing the secretary of war to provide badges to men of draft age who have been exempted or rejected.

Contracts have been made by the French to a shipbuilding plant in Savannah for thirty-six steel mine sweepers to be completed within six months. They will be 150 feet long and completely equipped.

MUSIC

"Music resembles poetry, in each are nameless graces which no methods teach and which a master-hand alone can reach."

A new interest has been created in music, and besides the club, a quartet has been organized consisting of Pearl Fausett, soprano; Harold Klock, tenor; Anna Belle Wesson alto, and Robert Blake base. These students all have good voices and are working hard to enter the school meet to be held at Dade City soon. We expect them to enter and to come back with the victorious laurels. This quartet has been asked to take part in a patriotic program to be given at the Woman's club on the sixteenth. On the fourth at the lecture for the benefit of the Red Cross, the Glee Club sang two patriotic songs splendidly, and added very much to the enjoyment of the program.

The interest this year in music has been a great addition to the school and the Glee Club is in almost constant demand by the different literary societies. Soon it is to render some French songs which are being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

We are glad to see so much interest taken in the music for as Leland says "Of all the arts, great music is the art to raise the soul above all earthly storms."

AMATEUR PLAY AT THE TEMPLE THIS EVENING

It is always a pleasure to help a good cause, and the more pleasant the method the greater the pleasure. One of the most pleasant ways in which you can help the great Red Cross work will be to buy a ticket to the performance of "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," which will be given at the Temple by local talent this evening. The play is an improvement on and a dramatization of the immortal narrative of unconscious humor, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which shone the face of the country with smiles a few years ago. Mrs. Briggs has thought of several things that didn't occur to Mrs. Wiggs, and will thereby secure a more efficacious clovehitch on the tickle boxes of her audience. Some of our smartest young folks and some of our smartest folks who are not so young will be in the caste, but nothing will be old, not even the jokes, all of which will be distinct improvements on the seven original funmakers thought up by Noah and his sons in the ark. The costumes will be even more original than the jokes, and the combination will have even Coburn's minstrels beaten more than seven blocks. Don't miss this occasion; if you do you won't get over your disappointment before the fourth of July. Tickets on sale at the Ccprt Pharmacy and the curtain at the Temple will rise at 8:30.

What is the matter with the Senior class? They seem to be dead to the world. Evidently they are not realizing that this is their last year in high school. Let us get some "pep" in you and have a good time the rest of the time. Next year we will miss our old classmates.

Anyone wishing to show his loyalty to the Ensign may do so by presenting any of the following articles to the staff room: Calendar, Picture, waste-basket, dictionary, pillow, penant, rug or rocking chair.

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JOKES

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen," vociferated the schoolboy in the oratorical contest, "lend me your ears."

"There" commented the mother of a defeated pupil, sneeringly, "that's Mrs. Higg's boy. He wouldn't be his mother's son if he wasn't borrowing something."

Son reaches across the table and helps himself to the sugar.

Father: "Haven't you a tongue, son?"

Son: "Sure, but it's not as long as my arm."

Sunday School Instructor, "And the father of the Prodigal Son fell on his neck and wept. Now, Alexander Bonetop, tell the children why the father wept."

Aleck, "Huh; I guess you'd weep too, if you fell on your neck."

Caesar's dead and buried,
And so is Cicero.

And wherever those two old gents have gone—

I wish their works would go.—Ex

Smart Freshie—"I can tell you how much water goes over Niagara Falls, to the quart."

Delighted Senior, "How much?"
Freshie, "Two pints."—Ex.

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THE CANON OF THE YELLOW-STONE

We stood over the lower falls of the Yellowstone river. Six feet below us the current rushed past as if wild to leap over the cliff, and fall two hundred and fifty feet with a deafening roar into the canon. The sun was just above the horizon and, as its slanting rays fell on the sides of the canon, they seemed to be highly painted in all shades of red, yellow and brown.

Firs grow thickly around the top of each side but only a few were brave enough to venture over the edge, and those that did wrapped their roots around the rocks and held on for dear life. Below the rocks came a long space where nothing but gravel stayed and where nothing could maintain a footing, or do ought but slide into the rushing torrent below.

On a high crag to our right was a large eagle's nest. Even as we watched, an eagle rose from his perch near the nest and soared out of sight. Directly across from us, only much higher, was another platform for sight seeing where a group of tourists stood spell bound by the beauty.

In a few minutes, we climbed the steps to the brink of the canon and proceeded along the very edge, our view from here was still more wonderful, we were looking down on the canon. It was sublime! the roar of the water, as it plunged over the cliff, the turbulent rapids of the river, and the color of the sides made an impression never to be forgotten.

—E. H.

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